

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Generally fair to-day, followed by snow or rain to-night or to-morrow.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 29; lowest, 11.  
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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## MILLER CORRECTS TRANSPORTATION MAYORS' ADVISERS

**Abrogation of Contracts Is  
Not Sought, Only Enforce-  
ment by State Power to  
Fullest Extent.**

**PROTECTION FOR CITY  
Prefers Appointive Boards  
to Elective Ones—Not Set  
on 15 Year Terms for  
Commissioners.**

**COURT DELAY DISCUSSED  
Governor Thinks Hyman Re-  
gime Could Not Seriously  
Hamper Preliminary Plan-  
ning of Reform.**

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau,  
Albany, Feb. 25.*

Gov. Miller cleared away to-day most of the troubles bothering municipal officials who are opposed to the transit bill now before the Legislature. In answer to criticisms made yesterday by the corporation counsels of twenty-five cities, the Governor said that such opposition had been anticipated and discounted and that its expression did not alter the situation in any degree.

All of the proposals of the Mayors and their legal advisers will be weighed and in every detail wherein they can improve the bill their recommendations will be woven into amendments. But the Governor said it was only human nature for Mayors, like Governors and all other officials, to oppose giving up any of their powers. The city officials do not see the proposal right, that is all, he said.

"The main contention of the municipal officials that the State proposes to abrogate contracts is, of course, entirely wrong," Mr. Miller said in a long interview in which he cleared up many involved points. "There is no abrogation of contracts; that term has been misapplied and has caused misunderstanding. The franchise terms are all to be observed and applied, but applied under great and more effective power than the city can exert. The city is fully protected."

**Explains Bill for an Hour.**

Standing beside his desk in the Executive chamber, the Governor discussed for nearly an hour the transit bill and the criticisms and suggestions made by the legal advisers of cities. He is not dead set on fifteen years' terms for commissioners, he said, but declared he favors an appointive commission the same as he would prefer having an appointive judiciary. The whole modern trend in dealing with public utilities is toward monopoly and away from competition, he added.

**One Amendment Already Being Prepared.**

The Governor said he wanted to give the present Public Service Commissioners time to decide the cases now pending, including the New York Telephone Company's case, before the new commissioners are appointed. This, however, does not apply to the New York Transit Commission, as there are no pending cases there.

When informed that the main objection pressed against his plan by the Corporation Counsels was what has been popularly referred to as "the abrogation of franchises," Gov. Miller explained that when most of the existing franchises went into effect the State was not exercising its powers to regulate them. This power the State now assumes to exercise in accordance with the terms of the bill.

**Transit Board Would Function.**

"In the meantime would the Transit Commission function?" he was asked. "I think so," he replied.

The Governor was reminded that the United States Supreme Court has said down the rule that the highest court in any State interprets the constitution of that particular State. He was asked, in view of this, if it would be possible to ask the United States Supreme Court to determine whether the State has the right to exercise its police powers in connection with the transit situation.

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## Steel Wages Are Being Cut by Independents

*Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
Pittsburgh, Feb. 25.*

With- in the last two months wage cuts averaging 20 per cent. have been made in the Johnstown and Youngstown steel districts. Plants which have not announced reductions are operating on a five, or four, and sometimes three day week.

The initial cut was made by the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown, which dropped the rate for labor from 44 to 35 cents an hour. Independent companies in the Youngstown field followed, cutting labor from 46 to 37 cents an hour and reducing wages of all workers, including office employees. The Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, largest of the independents, announced a 20 per cent. cut, effective March 2.

## MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE ON MARKET

**Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein Faces  
Losses Following Equity  
Suit Decision.**

**PRICE SET AT \$1,000,000**

**Business Associates Offer Support  
in Retaining Control  
of Property.**

The Manhattan Opera House, property of Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, is once more in the market. Influential friends of the family, including a prominent theatrical really operator, are understood to be lending Mrs. Hammerstein generous support in her efforts to retain the property. The opera house will not be sold for less than \$1,000,000, according to close business associates of Mrs. Hammerstein.

Financial difficulties covering a period of six months culminated in the decision against Mrs. Hammerstein two weeks ago by former Justice Francis M. Key, referee, in an equity suit brought against her by her stepdaughters, Mrs. Stella Hammerstein Keating (now Mrs. Charles Fyles Pope) and Mrs. Rose Hammerstein Tostevin.

A mortgage for \$70,000, was admitted last night, was lifted last fall by advances which were made by representatives of the Chicago Opera company and Fortune Carlo, operate impresario, but during the last weeks no rent has been forthcoming, while fixed and overhead charges have been piling up steadily.

"Mrs. Hammerstein finds herself in temporary embarrassment," said George Blumenthal, manager of her interests last night. Admitting that the property is for sale, he expressed the belief that the present difficulties would be weathered without any startling transfers of title. Sol Blum is understood to have offered to Mrs. Hammerstein financial assistance to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Gaillo has said that the opera house "will be kept for music of the highest order, just as Mr. Hammerstein wanted it kept. We shall not see Mrs. Hammerstein lose it."

The opera house has continuous bookings up to and including the summer months.

## HOUSE OUSTS MEMBER UNDER FRAUD CHARGE

**McLane, Democrat of Penn-  
sylvania, Unseated.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Patrick McLane of Scranton, Pa., Democrat, Representative from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the House late to-night on charges of violating the Corrupt Practices act and because of election frauds.

Immediately after taking this action the House adopted a report by the Committee on Elections declaring John R. Parr, Republican, of Scranton, duly elected and entitled to McLane's seat. The vote to unseat McLane was 161 to 121.

Charges by the committee that liquor dealers and brewers stood behind McLane threw the House into an immediate bitter struggle. The committee held McLane should be unseated for violating the corrupt practices act and because of wholesale election frauds. His report was unanimous.

Representative Blaine, Democrat, Virginia, member of the committee, declared the case was one where Republicans and Democrats stood on common ground and that McLane had been put forward as a candidate against Parr because the latter had voted in Congress for the prohibition amendment and for restriction of immigration.

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## GARY DENIES STEEL PRICES OR WAGES WILL BE REDUCED

**Makes Announcement After  
Long Meeting of Indus-  
trial Leaders Here.**

**CUTS NOT CONSIDERED**

**Foreign Producers Again  
Urge Formation of Inter-  
national Institute.**

**PROPOSAL UNDER DEBATE**

**It Is Referred to Steel Trust's  
Chairman—May Be Acted  
Upon in May.**

The United States Steel Corporation as yet has found no reason in the slump of buying and in the gradually declining tendency of living costs for a reduction of steel prices and a piling down of wages of its employees. Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, made that clear yesterday at the conclusion of a long meeting of directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute at the Metropolitan Club.

While the meeting was a monthly affair, which usually considers routine matters dealing with the welfare of the entire steel industry, it attracted widespread interest in the financial district. It was believed beforehand that wage cuts running from 15 to 25 per cent. among certain independent steel companies would cause a change of policy on the part of the steel corporation.

"I can merely reiterate what I have said before," said Judge Gary. "We have no present intention of reducing wages and the subject of lowering prices of steel products has not been considered."

**Fourteen Directors Attend.**

The meeting began with a luncheon attended by fourteen of the twenty-one directors of the institute. The full directorate consists of Thomas Cantley of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Judge Gary, James A. Farrell, president of the Steel Corporation; A. C. Binney, president of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company; E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation; C. M. Schwab, chairman of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Consolidated Steel Company; L. E. Block, president of the Inland Steel Company; Willis L. King, president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company; George F. Downs, president of the Lackawanna Steel Company; J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company; William H. Donner, president of the Donner Steel Company; Samuel Mather of the Pickands Mather Company; J. P. Wellborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company; James A. Braden of the Braden Iron Company; Joseph G. Butler, Jr., president of the Briar Hill Steel Company; Thomas K. Glenn of the Atlantic Steel Company; W. A. Rogers of Rogers, Brown & Co.; Robert Hobson, a Canadian steel maker, and Edwin Bailey, a banker of Harrisburg, Pa. The absent members were Messrs. Schwab, who is abroad; Butler, Campbell, Wellborn and three others located in the West.

Following the luncheon the directors entered into discussion of international aspects of the steel market. The text for this, it was learned, lay in suggestions received during the last few weeks from steel producers of England, France and Germany. The subject of international manufacturers here for the establishment of an international steel institute, whose members would consist of steel makers of all the nations which are active in the trade, was discussed.

**Received Most Attention.**

Judge Gary said that this subject received most of the attention during the meeting. He asserted that prices and wages had not been touched upon. In the end, however, the subject of international manufacturers here for the establishment of an international steel institute, whose members would consist of steel makers of all the nations which are active in the trade, was discussed.

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The bonds taken were temporary 4 1/2 per cent. United States Liberty loan bonds of the fourth issue, without coupons. Their total par value is \$72,000, of which four were for \$10,000, nine for \$5,000 and the others for \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50. Their value was approximately \$67,000.

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**DATA ABOUT \$50,000,000  
WAR CONTRACTS BURNS**

**20 Firemen Overcome in Fire  
in Army Headquarters.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The Eastern Division Headquarters of the Army Ordnance Department here was damaged by fire to-night and valuable records concerning the cleaning up of \$50,000,000 worth of war contracts destroyed. Twenty firemen were overcome in the blaze and six women who were at work in the structure were rescued.

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## 10,000 Chicagoans Take Up Crime as Profession

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Ten thousand Chicago men and women have taken up crime as a profession and are practicing their "trade" with all the system and skill of modern business. Henry Barrett Chamberlin, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, told the members of the Executive Club at a luncheon in the Hotel Sherman to-day. In 1919, he said, this "crime trust" did a \$12,000,000 business.

They can be defeated, he added, by nothing less efficient than their own organization. Business men must see to it that law enforcement methods are up to date; obsolete methods are helpless against twentieth century crime.

## BOY CLERK STEALS \$772,000 BONDS

**Collects Loot in Chicago Trust  
Company While Counting  
Securities.**

**TWO REWARDS OFFERED**

**Detectives Fail to Get Trace of  
Lad Believed to Be Dupe  
of Others.**

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Chicago, Feb. 25.*—William Dalton, 17, a clerk in the securities cage of a trust department of the Northern Trust Company, went to his lunch yesterday carrying a small bundle in which was wrapped \$772,000 in Liberty bonds. To-day the bank announced the theft of the bonds and offered a reward of \$1,000 for young Dalton and \$25,000 for the return of the bonds.

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## TWO ROBBERIES IN DAYLIGHT NET BANDITS \$70,000

**Broadway Jeweller Near  
Fulton Street Dead Line  
One of Victims.**

**BOWERY GUARD KILLED**

**Thalia Theatre Employee  
Murdered in an At-  
tempted Burglary.**

**SEVEN HOLD UP OFFICE**

**West Twenty-eighth Street  
Building Scene of Bandit  
Operations.**

Cash and jewelry valued at more than \$70,000 were stolen yesterday in two of the boldest daylight holdups that have occurred in this city since the slaying last December of Edwin W. Andrews, the Fifth Avenue Jeweller. In one of the robberies the bandits violated the Fulton street "dead line" by invading a Broadway office building that is occupied almost exclusively by manufacturing jewelry concerns. The bandits who participated in the second holdup, which was staged in West Twenty-eighth street, spread a report that they were revenue men making a raid.

The circumstances surrounding the robbery in West Twenty-eighth street mystified the police and twenty detectives from the West Thirtieth street station were ordered to investigate. They worked until early this morning without making any arrests or obtaining any evidence to show that the holdup was not as the victims reported.

Although the police decline to entertain a robbery theory, the slaying early yesterday morning of Modesto Anadolungia, 24 years old, of 117 Mott street, night watchman of the Thalia Theatre, in the Bowery, bears every indication that the watchman was murdered in an attempted burglary. A pistol found lying beneath the watchman's head had two empty chambers and there were three wounds in his body. A rear door of the theatre had been flung open.

Seven men were sitting in the office of the Connecticut Screen Company, on the ground floor of 118 West Twenty-eighth street, at 1:30 P. M. when a large black touring car stopped in front of Public School No. 48, directly opposite. Seven roughly dressed men, according to the story told to the police, jumped out of the car and walked briskly toward the office, wading through mounds of snow and slush in the street. They drew pistols as they entered and ordered the men inside to lie up with faces toward the wall. A moment later the victims were told to lie on their stomachs on the floor.

**Robbers Work Systematically.**

The bandits worked speedily. One stood guard outside, another covered a telephone booth, a third a rear door and two more kept the victims "covered." The seventh man collected the booty. From Murray Birnbaum, vice-president of the screen company, he stole \$11,500 in cash and three diamond rings and a stick pin valued at \$10,000. Birnbaum had a pistol in each of his belt pockets, which the robber also appropriated.

Samuel Cohen, a real estate operator, lay beside Birnbaum and was the second searched. He lost jewelry valued at \$3,000. Cohen served overseas as an army captain. M. Silverwood, the third victim, yielded up \$100 to the robbers. Joe Milstein of Sea Gate, L. I., was robbed of \$150; Harry Donohue of \$5,000 in cash and jewelry; Thomas O'Connor of a similar amount, and Charles Stern, who also is known as "Broadway Charlie," of cash and jewelry valued at \$3,000. Silverwood said afterward that he dropped a \$12,000 diamond ring into a trash basket as he lay on the floor, and Milstein threw a five cent ring into the pocket of Donohue's coat.

While the bandits were rifling the victims' pockets August Thorsbak of 145 Broadway Park, L. I., and Joseph De Kock of 145 Broadway Park, L. I., were also searched. De Kock, who is a Jeweller, yielded up \$5,000 in cash and jewelry. The robbers then fled toward Sixth Avenue. Despite the fact that the street is badly clogged with snow the automobile had disappeared before Birnbaum or any of the other men could get to the street.

The second floor of the building where the robbery occurred is occupied by R. W. Scheur, manufacturer of coats. Mr. Scheur owns the building and told reporters the office downstairs was rented a year ago by Manny H. Kessler and that he understood the firm was engaged in the manufacturing of hair oil or of a non-alcoholic beverage. Mr. Birnbaum said the company's headquarters is in Hartford, A.

**Robbers Flee in Automobile.**

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## FRENCH MILITARY LEADERS PLAN TO MOVE ON GERMANY; BERLIN STILL IS OBDRATE

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WITH the meeting of the allied Premiers and the German delegates in London only a few days away a deliberate campaign is under way here to prepare the French public for a military move against Germany. Almost all newspapers except the extreme Socialist organs are lending themselves to the campaign.

Evidence multiplies that the French Cabinet is getting ready to move quickly upon receiving the word from London. Veritable war councils have been held during the last two days, wherein the Ministers have assured Parliament that should the time come for coercive measures against Germany the necessary infantry, artillery and other branches of the service will be found ready. Various military substitutions are taking place quietly, the Republican Guard taking the place of regular troops in the work of guarding public buildings.

Leaves of absence of officers of colonial regiments have been cancelled under the explanation that there is to be a recasting of certain formations in the French frontier service. In the aviation service great efforts have been launched to increase enlistments.

*By the Associated Press.*

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—The Imperial Economic Council reiterated to-day that insistence on the Paris reparations demands would lead to a collapse of the world's economic life in the following statement:

"Experts in all branches of professional life in Germany came to the unanimous conclusion that acceptance of the Paris demands on economic and financial grounds is impossible, and that any attempt to find a solution on the basis of the Paris decisions must lead to the collapse of the world's economic life. A memorandum which was approved by the experts demonstrates this impossibility in detail. The experts declare themselves unanimously in accord with the Imperial Government's standpoint in its willingness to go to the limit of Germany's ability to pay in the firm counter proposals which are to be made."

## SINN FEIN FORCES BRITISH RETREAT

**Auxiliaries Ambushed Near  
Macroom Retire After Two  
Hour Battle.**

**MAJOR KILLED, SEVEN HIT**

**Reserves Rushed Up and Air-  
planes Aid in Second  
Phase.**

*By the Associated Press.  
DUBLIN, Feb. 25.*—Three hundred men in ambush attacked a large party of auxiliary police between Macroom and Ballyvourney this morning and compelled the British crown forces to withdraw after a two hour battle in which the casualties of the crown detachment included their Major, who was killed, and the wounding of seven of his men. The ambush party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the road.

Hundreds of reserves were then rushed up by the military from neighboring barracks and the attack was renewed with the assistance of battle airplanes.

The Macroom ambush resulted in the biggest fight that has occurred since guerrilla tactics began in Ireland. The preparations for the attack were extensive. The road had been mined or obstructed with fallen trees, which compelled the police to dismount and take cover when the attack was launched. Three hundred men in the attacking party employed bombs and used rifles from both sides of the road. The fighting lasted from early morning until late in the afternoon, the men in the ambush party coming in the police from three sides and compelling them to retreat toward Macroom. The fight continued until the auxiliaries were in sight of that town.

The dead and wounded are being taken into Macroom, where the inhabitants have been ordered to keep indoors. It is said there were many casualties on both sides. One report says there were as many as twenty civilian and thirty auxiliary casualties.

It has been confirmed that the commander of the auxiliary police, Major Seafield Grant, was killed. Major Grant won the Military War Cross at the age of 29 years. It is reported that a Sinn Fein hostage carried on the foremost lorry of the auxiliary police also was killed.

Reinforcements of police and troops were said to-night to have arrived on the scene and to be hunting down the members of the attacking force.

The casualties to the crown forces during the week ended February 19 were the lowest recorded in any week thus far this year; only two being killed and nine wounded, says an official review issued to-day.

The review records ten ambushes, of which three were on trains. A feature of the ambushes was the absence of casualties to the forces of the crown and the serious casualties inflicted on the attacking parties. Four attacks were made on occupied barracks, there was one assassination and one attempted assassination.

Sinn Feiners, the review says, murdered seven persons suspected of giving information to the authorities. There were forty-seven raids on the mails. Seventy-one arrests were made for outrages and political offences and there were forty-three trials and court martials of civilians, mostly for having arms and seditious literature in their possession. Of these thirty-four were convicted and nine acquitted. Ninety-three persons were interned.

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PARIS, Feb. 25.—Joseph Journe, formerly secretary of the General Labor Federation, said this evening that a decision had been reached at a meeting of the workmen to resume work to-morrow morning at 7:30 o'clock. This would be done without violence, if possible, but any necessary means would be adopted to carry out the decision, said M. Journe. On the other hand, the police have instructions to keep all former workmen away from the plant, by persuasion if possible and by force if necessary.

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**SIX KILLED IN STRIKE  
RIOT IN SOUTH ITALY**

**Nationalists and Socialists  
Wage War in Bari.**

BARI, Feb. 25.—Alarming reports of disorders in the Province of Bari in consequence of conflicts between Socialists and members of the Fascist, or extreme Nationalist party, in which several persons were killed, are given in a special edition of the *Epoca*. In the first en-

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## LOWER RED FLAG IN PARIS SUBURB

**Flies Over Argenteuil Electric  
Works Less Than 24  
Hours.**

**MEN TRY TO SEIZE PLANT**

**Discharged for Insufficient  
Output, Police Prevent  
Entrance.**

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A double barrier of police flanked by detachments of the Republican Guard drove all Sovietist aspirations from the minds of 1,700 workmen who this morning made the first attempt in France to gain control of a large industrial plant by raising the red flag over the electrical works being built at Argenteuil, a suburb of Paris, in which Louis Loucheur, Minister of Liberated Regions, and M. Schneider of the Creusot Iron Works are interested.